

Legislation

19 initiatives led by Altmire have been signed into law, including 6 dealing with veterans and military families:

- [Treatment and screening of traumatic brain injury for returning veterans;](#)
- [Guaranteeing wounded military veterans can keep their enlistment bonuses;](#)
- [Expanding business opportunities for veterans who are small business owners;](#)
- [Tax relief to military families who are facing financial hardship due to multiple deployments;](#)
- [Extending FMLA benefits for all military guard and reserve families;](#)
- [Eliminating the late enrollment penalty on prescription drug coverage for low-income seniors;](#)
- [Ensuring seniors maintain access to critical medical equipment and supplies;](#)
- [Protecting sportsmen's right to hunt, fish, and trap on millions of acres of public land ;](#)
- [Increasing funding for volunteer firefighters .](#)

10 additional bills or Amendments authored by Altmire have been passed by the House, including:

- [Expanding access to capital for small businesses;](#)
- [Making college more affordable for working families;](#)
- [Helping veterans secure venture capital funding to launch new businesses.](#)

In addition, this Congress has enacted:

- [A tax cut for 95 percent of America's working families ;](#)
- [A bill that will stem the foreclosure crisis and help families save their homes;](#)
- [New protections for American consumers who use credit cards ;](#)
- [Health insurance for 11 million children who would otherwise go without ;](#)
- [The most significant land conservation bill in 15 years.](#)

Leadership

- [Appointed Chairman of Small Business Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation;](#)
- [Helped prevent a proposed hospital budget cut that saved PA hospitals \\$74 million;](#)
- [Convened a congressional field hearing to investigate SBA's response to flooding in Aliquippa, the North Hills and the A-K Valley;](#)
- [Appointed Co-Chair of a congressional task force on health care reform.](#)

Funding for the District

Secured over \$156 million for western PA projects, including funding for:

- Emergency first responders;
- Community hospitals;
- Transportation and infrastructure improvements including the Ohio River locks and dams;
- Research and development projects for Western PA companies.

Independent Voting Record

Altmire is rated by the non-partisan publications Congressional Quarterly and [National Journal](#) as having one of the most reliably moderate and centrist voting records in all of Congress.

Altmire is the only member of the House who has [never missed a vote](#) during the past two sessions of Congress. He has cast more than 2,900 consecutive votes since being sworn-in to the House in 2007.